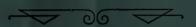


CHARD UNION

Rural Sanitary Authority.



ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE

Year ending December 31st, 1896.

OFFICERS:-

Inspectors of Nuisinces:

CHARD DISTRICT Mr. SMITH.

DEWERRE DISTRICT .. Mr. HOLWELL.

ÎLMINSTER DISTRICT Mr. HOUSE.

Medical Officer of Health EDWARD STEPHENS.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

OF

THE * CHARD * UNION.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my 18th Annual Report of the Sanitary Condition and Vital Statistics of your district for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

AREA: 55,000 Acres. POPULATION: 17,000.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF BIRTHS and DEATHS, AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Registered Births, Males ,, ,, Females		 	212 239
	Total	 	451
Registered Deaths, Males ,, ,, Females		 	101 108
ø	Total	 ••	209

Birth rate	Death rate	Zymotic death	Infant Mortality per thousand Births.
per thousand	per thousand	rate per	
living.	living.	thousand living.	
26.5	12·2	0.23	62.0

As against the following for the previous year.

23.7	15.7	0.80	113.8

MONTHLY RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

	3	IRTHS.	DEATHS.					
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
January	13 22 17	14 16 17	14 10 13	10 12 9				
April	16 18 20 14	22 15 21 30	7 5 6 6	9 13 9 8				
August	15 29 17	31 21 20 16	11 4 5 5	8 8 8 5				
November	$\frac{15}{16}$	16 16 239	15					
Grand Total		s 451		s 209				

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Under one year		••			29
One year and under	five years	••			19
Five years and unde	r fifteen years		••		11
Fifteen years and un	nder twenty-five	years		••	9
Twenty-five years as	nd under sixty-	five years	••		50
Sixty-five years and	upwards	••			91
	Total				
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF DEATHS,

required by the Local Government Board. Cholera 0 0 Ague 01030 Small Pox Croup Diphtheria ٠. Scarlet Fever Measles 0 Whooping Cough Typhus Fever 0 0 Continued Relapsing Typhoid Fever Diarrhœa 0 Rheumatic Fever 0 0 Erysipelas Phthisis 19 Bronchitis Pneumonia 33 Pleurisy Heart Disease 10 Injuries

METEOROLOGY.

Total

140

209

It is interesting to compare the Rainfall as registered at Gordon Castle, Morayshire, and at Chichester, in Sussex; one being the extreme North and the other due South of Great Britain.

All other Diseases ...

			Gordon Castle.	Chichester.
January			1.16	1.23
February			.75	-29
March	••		2.08	3.28
April			1.51	•49
May	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1.52	.86
June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		3.81	2.94
July	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	2:55	.60
August	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	2.78	1.08
September	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		4.53	8.00
October		••	5.27	4.12
November	0	::	1.80	1.19
December	•		3.88	5.07
2 COMPON	•••	••		
		Total	31.64	29.07

The average rainfall in the West of England for the last ten years being 32 inches.

Overcrowding.

List of Nuisances reported and abated during the year 1896.

Fish and Meat

efective Drains

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SUMMARY.

PREVALENCE OF DISEASE.

SCARLET FEVER

During the entire year has been more or less prevalent. The difficulty in stamping out the disease has been considerably increased through the type of the disease being unusually mild, so much so that undoubtedly many cases not being recognized were allowed to mingle freely with other children in the locality, and were for a considerable period liable to spread the disease.

THE DAIRY-HOUSES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND BAKE-HOUSES

In the District have been from time to time visited by your Inspectors, and are reported to be kept in satisfactory condition.

I am pleased to be able again to state that during the year no Fish or Meat was found exposed for sale unfit for human food.

A few Cottages were found in such a dilapidated condition as to be unfit for habitation. No difficulty was found in obtaining a Magistrate's Order for these cottages to be closed. I again assert if cottagers are to keep their cottages clean and neat, cottages constructed with some idea of comfort and attractiveness must be placed at their disposal.

The Factories and Workshops coming under the Factory and Workshops Act have been inspected by your Inspectors, and reported to be kept in accordance with the Act.

PUBLIC BATHS.

In my last report the following appears under this heading:—I trust the Parish Councils will see the necessity of supplying 'Public Baths,' as that portion of the community which have the greatest need of bathing have the least facilities for so doing. So far as I can ascertain no steps have been taken for constructing such Baths. The Parish Councils have gone in for so-called "Technical Education," but the one art of really vital importance, "Swimming," appears to have been entirely omitted. Yet, during the summer months especially, we seldom can take up a Newspaper without finding deaths reported from Drowning. I venture to assert that the majority of these fatal cases would not have occurred if the victims had only been taught to swim. The teaching of the young to swim, both girls and boys, should be made compulsory.

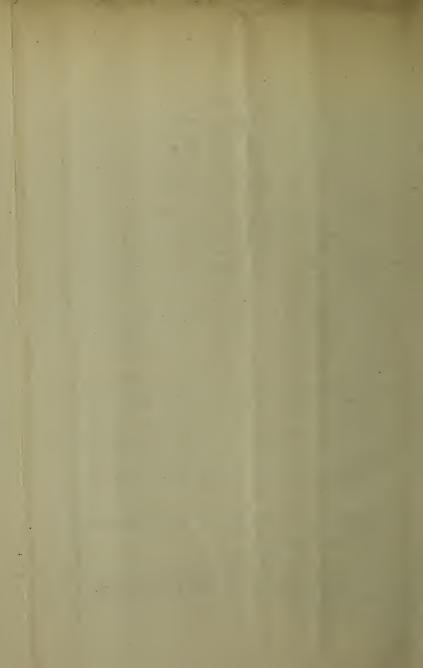
The Number of Deaths Registered from one or other of the diseases coming under the heading of "Zymotic" is highly satisfactory, viz:—4. The Birth Rate and the Death for the year are also very favourable.

In conclusion it is my duty to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which many of the Private Drains are found constructed. It would be much more satisfactory from a Sanitary point of view if a list of efficient drain-layers could be registered. A heavy penalty for "Scamping" work is most desirable. Although a special Inspection Committee was appointed and various reports made by the Inspector, so far as I can understand no steps have been taken towards supplying those inhabitants residing at Kenny Bridge, Ashill, with pure water.

During the year 345 petty nuisances have been reported and abated.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
EDWARD STEPHENS,
Medical Officer of Health:

Ilminster, January 20th, 1897.





	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		NE'					IN E					G TO THE
PARISH.	Census 1891.		Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diptheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.
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Chillington	. 195	Under 5 5 upwards		1									
Cudworth	108	Under 5 5 upwards											
Chaffcombe	192	Under 5 5 upwards											
Combe St. Nicholas .	1069	Under 5 5 upwards				1							
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Donyatt	355	Under 5 5 upwards		10		į							
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Misterton	. 675	Under 5 5 npwards											
Seavington St. Mary .	. 269	Under 5 5 upwards											1
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Shepton Beauchamp .	. 670	Under 5 5 upwards											
Stocklinch	. 183	Under 5 5 npwards											
Wayford	. 367	Under 5 5 upwards											
Wambrook	. 231	Under 5 5 upwards											1
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